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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

The following amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and
is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2007. Please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.